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## Workers Finish Nose Count Here

The census report on Torrance's population probably will justify earlier estimates, E. B. Lewis, supervisor of the census reported Saturday. Preliminary estimates placed the city's population at about 65,000 persons.

Although census workers were still tabulating figures last week end, Lewis said the results would probably be in line with previous estimates. A preliminary report is due to be given to City Manager George Stevens today.

**Report Expected**  
Lewis will wind up his duties here today, sending the figures to Washington. An official report will be given to the City Council in three or four weeks, Lewis said.

Eighty-eight enumerators handled the census work here. As a whole, the operation was smooth, with only a few persons who refused to give information, Lewis said. The biggest trouble was in contacting persons who are away from home, especially in new tracts where neighbors were not acquainted, he declared. In many cases, neighbors were able to supply the information, he said.

**Third Census**  
The census here took about three weeks, and was the third conducted in the city since the last regular census in 1950. The census was ordered by the city council to give the city a greater share of the state taxes which are distributed on a proportionate basis. The increase will amount to more than \$7

## Signals Set On Crenshaw

Increased traffic safety along Crenshaw Blvd. in the Alondra Park area was seen this week as Supervisor Kenneth Hahn announced that county road crews would begin the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Crenshaw Blvd and 154th St. within the next 10 days.

The signals should be installed, tested and working within two weeks after work has started, Hahn said.



**GIRL OF THE WEEK . . .** Beautiful Sandra Constance, 1954 Miss Torrance and 1954 Miss California, helps us remind our readers that this is National Newspaper Week. The lovely miss appropriately wears a blouse of newspaper motif while scanning a copy of THE HERALD. This year's newspaper week slogan is "Your Right to Know is the Key to All Your Liberties," a slogan which is emblazoned in large letters at the HERALD office, 1619 Gramercy.

## Torrance Looks To New Building Record in 1955

That Torrance will break its existing building record for the fifth year in a row seemed a virtual certainty Friday, as the city recorded \$37,286,668 in building permits for the year. At the same time last year, the city recorded \$31,330,840.

According to Walter Bradford, senior clerk in the city engineer's office, October totals reached \$4,081,637, more than the monthly average of slightly over \$3,103,074. If the city can maintain its monthly average for the next three months, it will easily top last year's \$45,000,000 record.

As usual, Milton Kauffman's new tract between Sepulveda and Torrance Bivds., west of Hawthorne Ave., contributed the largest number of permits—for 180 homes valued at \$1,722,200. A permit for the first of three schools to be built in the tract—Sepulveda School—was taken out by the Torrance Unified School District. It will cost \$244,000.

Permits for the new City Hall, valued at \$363,500 and the new Police Building, worth \$185,210, were taken out by the city. Both will be located in the new Civic Center.

The Watt Construction Co. took out permits for 60 houses to be located near 170th and Arlington Ave. and valued at \$618,000. Anderson and Jansen took out permits for 18 houses on 171st and 172nd Sts., valued at \$196,000.



**MODERN FIRE STATION . . .** Torrance's Fire Station No. 3 will look like this, according to plans drawn up by Architect Marion J. Varner. Bids will be opened for the new

## Additions to Hospital Get OK of Chace

Approval of plans and specifications and authorization to advertise for bids for two major additions at Harbor General Hospital were approved last week by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace said plans call for the addition of two delivery rooms and other facilities for the care of premature infants to be added to Ward E of the hospital. There also will be isolation rooms for babies born with infectious diseases, as well as a relatives' waiting room, he declared.

Adequate floor space to function properly under the existing expanding conditions and necessary oxygen supplies and air conditioning for the ward are included in the plans, which are intended to bring the obstetrical department of Harbor General Hospital up to the highest standards, Chace announced.

Estimated cost of the project is \$115,000 for which bids will be received Oct. 26 at the County Engineering Building.

## NTCIA Fetes Officers at Large Dance

New and old officers of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn. were honored at the recent Inaugural Ball held at the Western Club, Gardena. About 240 persons were present.

John Kesson, new president, presented Muri Reeves, retiring president, with a gift in appreciation of his services to the organization. New officers at the NTCLA were: vice president, Kenny Uyeda, secretary; Barbara Nesbitt, treasurer; and Willa Dean Throop, auditor—were introduced.

The old officers Jack White, vice president; Norma Prange, secretary; William Dean Throop, treasurer; and Edward Nobbe, auditor—also were honored.

Dancing was to the music of Larry Anderson. The next meeting of the NTCLA, where the new officers will preside for the first time, will be held Wednesday evening at Verburg's Recreation Hall, 2093 W. 174th St.

## Addition Slated On Fire Station

Doubling the size of Torrance's fire station No. 3 will soon get underway with bids for the work to be opened at the City Council meeting tomorrow night, according to Mayor Albert Isen and City Manager George Stevens.

Designs for the expansion of the \$17,000 unit were drawn by Pasadena Architect Marion J. Varner who planned the civic center buildings as well as the city's Headquarters and No. 4 fire stations.

With the completion of Station 3, Torrance will have expended \$267,000 on a total of 22,740 square feet of fire station floor space. The complete plant will be manned by 60 firemen who will be commanded by seven captains and five battalion chiefs, according to J. J. Benner, fire chief in charge of the entire organization.

**Efficient Station**  
Chief Benner and the architect collaborated closely in developing the designs of all three stations and the new headquarters station, to be dedicated soon, has been rated by fire chiefs as one of the most efficient stations in California.

Station 3, the latest unit, is located at the southwest corner of 174th and Yukon Sts. As it stands, it has 1350 square feet which includes one equipment bay, a kitchen and dining-recreation room. Expansion drawings call for an additional and larger equipment bay; enlargement of the kitchen and the addition of a 10-man dormitory.

**Addition Planned**  
Varner said approximately 1440 square feet of floor area will be added to the existing structure and the exterior finish of the old portion will be redone to coincide with the addition. Construction will be in wood and stucco, all floors will be concrete. In portions other than the equipment bays, the floors will be covered with a asphalt tile. The ceiling over the dormitory will be insulated with rock wool, according to Varner's specifications.

The new equipment section will have a 5 1/2-inch-thick concrete floor reinforced with steel bars. This division will house a ladder truck, according to Chief Benner. The second piece of equipment will be a pump er truck and this will be housed in the present bay.

**Gas Furnace Included**  
The heating system will consist of a gas-fired furnace with a blower. Built-in wood lockers will be provided for the crew in the dormitory.

It is expected that construction will begin immediately after the bids are accepted, according to Varner. Addition of the new unit to the Headquarters and No. 4 station will give Torrance one of the most complete and one of the most efficient fire-prevention and fire-fighting establishments in the state for cities of this size, according to Chief Benner.

Open burning of rubbish is illegal now, Air Pollution Control Officer Smith Griswold, Saturday reminded householders and business firms of incorporated cities in the Los Angeles Basin. The ban, already effective in unincorporated areas of the Basin, applies to tree trimmings, trash and other rubbish commonly burned in open piles. It became effective Saturday.

Only exceptions to the regulation are fires used in training firefighters, those necessary for agricultural or animal-raising operations or official weed burnings.

Even exceptions to the ban will be required to observe "no burning" bans on days when smog threatens the basin, however, Griswold emphasized.

## Schools Reach Enrollment of 15,000 Students

Enrollment in the Torrance Unified School District climbed over the 15,000 mark last week, according to Warren Hamilton, director of special services.

Late enrollments and new entries brought the total higher than the 14,681 recorded at the end of the first week. As new tracts are finished, an even bigger increase is anticipated.

Torrance and North High Schools recorded 1346 and 1216 students, respectively. Seaside Elementary School had the greatest elementary enrollment, with 1068 students, followed by North Torrance Elementary with 1038 and Carr School with 1020.

Other elementary enrollments were as follows:  
Crenshaw, 896; El Nido, 358; Fern Greenwood, 909; Hillside, 487; Madrona, 630; Meadow Park, 650; Newton, 711; Perry, 920; Riviera, 628; Steele, 953; Torrance Elementary, 752; WALTERIA, 691; and Wood, 741.

## Gas Siphoned From Vehicles

A gasoline thief emptied gas tanks of two cars within a block of each other on Dalemead on successive nights last week, Torrance police report.

Robert Gish, 3120 Dalemead, told police Wednesday that someone had drained the tank of his car Tuesday night, while the automobile was parked in front of his home.

The next night, Charles Pottery, 3020 Dalemead, reported to authorities that all the gas had been siphoned from the gas tank of his car.

## Two Collect Awards At LA County Fair

Judging of entries in the pig department at the Los Angeles County Fair, whose gates closed yesterday, revealed among the blue ribbon winners: Larry Gersdorf, 1138 W. 223rd St., two firsts; and Keystone Lofts, 22334 Main St., three firsts.

Police say the damage was done by a building brick, which was tossed through the windshields of cars owned by Clara Ford, 19923 Donora, and Patrick Bryant, 19405 Donora.

## News Index

Exclusive coverage of the Torrance and North High School football games played last week end can be found on page 4 of today's HERALD.  
On other pages, news of other local happenings can be found, as well as advertisements of the city's leading merchants.  
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## 2000 Children Will Get Shots

Some 2000 local youngsters will begin receiving their second series of polio shots Nov. 1, school and county health officials decided Friday.

The immunization program, which will complete the series of shots begun last spring, will depend on the arrival of the vaccine, according to health officials. It is expected soon, however.

All children who received their first shots last spring will get the shots this fall, if their parents still agree, it was decided. The written consent of all parents must be given for children to receive the second shot.

**Vaccine Cleared**  
Children at two schools—Riviera and Seaside—got their second shots before the program was halted last spring for a check of the safety of the vaccine. The United States Public Health Department has since cleared the vaccine for national use.

As other schools, second and third graders will get their shots according to the schedule. Children who have moved into the district this summer or fall will be eligible to get the shots if they can show evidence that they received the first shot last spring.

Provision will be made to take care of children who have moved to the Seaside and Riviera areas since last spring and would be affected by the change, it was indicated.

**Schedule Told**  
According to the schedule set up Friday, the shots will be given as follows:  
Nov. 1—North Torrance and Crenshaw Schools, morning and afternoon sessions.  
Nov. 2—Carr and Steele Schools, morning and afternoon sessions.  
Nov. 3—Meadow Park and Madrona Schools, morning and afternoon sessions.

**Two Schools Set**  
Nov. 8—Newton and Walteria Schools—morning and afternoon sessions.  
Nov. 9—Wood School, morning and afternoon sessions; Torrance Elementary School, morning only.

Nov. 10—Fern Greenwood School, morning only.  
Dec. 1—Hillside School, morning only.

Dec. 7—Perry and El Nido Schools, morning and afternoon sessions.



**VIGILANT MOTHERS . . .** Continuing the patrol of 230th and Hawthorne Ave. that they have maintained for the past three weeks are these mothers of Meadow Park School children. Carrying signs and flags, the mothers block traffic while their children cross the four-lane highway.

## Meadow Park Moms Keep Vigil, Petition, Await State Decision

Embattled mothers of Meadow Park School children were awaiting the promised decision on crosswalks or signals for the 230th and Hawthorne Ave. crossing today, as they continued their vigil at the intersection.

The State Division of Highways has promised to reveal its decision on yellow crosswalks or signals for the intersection, following a recent survey there.

**Petitions Signed**  
The mothers, who have been assisting the crossing gang at the intersection in getting children across the street were leaving nothing to chance, as they collected 259 signatures on a petition asking for City Council action in the matter.

Last week the mothers appeared at the Council meeting, but did not get a hearing. Mayor Albert Isen walked out on a move to reconsider the rabies ordinance, ending the meeting and leaving the mothers without a hearing. Isen, who was unaware that the mothers were at the meeting, called Thursday to apologize and promised them a hearing tomorrow night.

**Moms Carry Signs**  
Mothers have been carrying signs and blocking traffic as their children crossed the street going to and from school. Many of them reported colds and flu as a result of the outings, and many declared their houses were in a mess as a result. To add to the discomfort, the fragrant aroma of a fertilizer storage plant waft across the intersection.

Nothing daunted, the mothers declare that they will patrol the intersection until some action is taken.

## Opera Group Sets Musical

Next presentation of the South Bay Civic Opera Association is set for Oct. 14, 15, and Oct. 21 when the group will stage four night performances of "The Serenade Comic Opera," by Harry B. Smith and Victor Herbert.

In addition to the four night dates, a special matinee will be held Oct. 16. Performances are set for the Redondo High School Auditorium. Tickets are priced from \$1.00 to \$1.80 and may be purchased at the association's ticket office, 336 Pacific Coast Highway, Hermosa.

## New Phone Book Out Today

Do you make many telephone calls to Long Beach? If so, the new edition of the southern section telephone book will be of special interest to you.

Dated October, 1955, the new directory will be delivered to subscribers beginning today. The bright green cover will have an announcement about the big Long Beach number change involving 150,000 telephones identified by new prefix names—HEMLOCK and GARFIELD.

Telephone users in San Pedro, Wilmington, Lomita and Torrance, except those with the prefix DAVIS, at present must first dial the code digits "81" before dialing a Long Beach number. After Oct. 15 they will dial the new numbers direct without first dialing the special code.

Subscribers are urged not to refer to the new directory for Long Beach numbers until the changeover date, Oct. 16. After that date old directories should be destroyed and personal number lists corrected.

Initial delivery of the large four-column directory—past issues have had three-column pages—will total 57,000 in the Harbor area. More than 300,000 numbers are listed on the alphabetical section's 992 pages.